

Van Camp Packing Company collection S2017

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Van Camp Packing Company collection
Date	1909/10/28
Extent	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Mixed materials [Folder]	S2017

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Administrative History

Van Camp Packing Company was founded in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1861, by Gilbert Courtland Van Camp. The first major contract was with the Union Army in 1862. In 1882 (having incorporated in 1875 as the G.C. Van Camp and Sons Packing Company), they had sales of \$100,000 (upwards of 8 million cans of beans) and their headquarters was at 202 West Market St, with the factory located in the 300 block of Kentucky Avenue. They began advertising nationally in 1890 and added Worcestershire sauce and extra-fine tomatoes to the product line. In 1894, Frank Van Camp, Gilbert's son, added catsup and bacon to make a more distinctive tasting baked bean. He became president of the company upon the death of his father. Frank's brother Cortland was very involved with both the Packing Company and Van Camp Hardware, which Courtland started in 1876. He invested a large amount of capital in Van Camp Packing Company, which helped the company grow considerably. In 1908 George Stokely (whose family business of canning began in 1898 in Tennessee) came to Indianapolis to learn about modern canning practices from the Van Camp Company. The Van Camp Packing Company merged in 1933 with Stokely Brothers and Company to become Stokely-Van Camp, Inc. (official name as of 1944).

"Van Camp Packing Company". HI Mailbag. Retrieved 2014/08/20. <http://historicindianapolis.com/hi-mailbag-typographical-terrace/>

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"Van Camp Hardware of Indianapolis". Fishing for History. Retrieved 2014/08/20. <http://fishinghistory.blogspot.com/2011/06/52-trade-houses-part-10-van-camp.html>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes a postcard from Van Camp Packing Company in Indianapolis, Indiana 1909/10/28 regarding price increase on canned, evaporated milk.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Van Camp Packing Company (Indianapolis, Ind.).

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Milk industry
- Postcards